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November 21, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The staff of the Division of Gaming Enforcement's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau has reviewed Petition #3191103 filed by Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. d/b/a Tropicana Casino and Resort dated November 15, 2011, and an amendment to their petition dated November 17, 2011, seeking approval for amendments to its Certificate of Operation and CHAB License.

The Tropicana is currently operating under a Certificate of Operation, which was approved in Petition #224110 on August 17, 2011, by the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

By Petition #3191103 Tropicana seeks approval to complete modifications to its casino room, as depicted on the architectural drawing labeled OP-85-1 and OP-85-2 (Exhibit 1) dated November 17, 2011, and a sealed DCA print labeled A-100 and EG-100 prepared by SOSH Architects, Kimberly McCarron, RA, License #AI-16521.

The petitioner proposes the following;



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1. Decrease of 320 sq. feet of gaming space within "The Quarter" in order to provide "Quarter Gaming",
2. Remove two (2) blackjack tables and one (1) roulette table and wheel in Pit #16,
3. The designation of Pit #16 will be removed,
4. Remove two (2) slot machines in Slot Zone K,
5. Add two (2) Shuffle Master units in Slot Zone K. Each unit contains five (5) gaming positions and stools,
6. Base plan submission of OP-85 will contain new total of 141 table games.
 - a) When alternate #1 for pit #10 is in use, the total table games will reduce by one (1) table game,
 - b) When alternate #2 for pit #10 is in use, the total table games will be unchanged,
 - c) When alternate #3 for pit #9 is in use, the total number of table games will increase by two (2) table games.

Quarter Gaming Area

Pit Areas

Pit#16

Remove: One (1) Roulette table (RO 24) and wheel, and two (2) Blackjack tables (BJ 121) & (BJ 122)

Total tables for Pit# 16 are zero (0).

The designation of Pit #16 will be removed in its entirety.

Slot Areas

Slot Zone K

Remove: Two (2) slot machines (K09 and K10).

Add: Two Shuffle Master units (ten (10) gaming positions) K 12 to K 21 and ten (10) slot stools.

New total for Slot Zone K is eighteen slots and ten (10) slot stools.

Various Changes

CCTV camera updates across all gaming areas are included in this Operational Plan.

The summary of the statistical calculations is as follows:

1. An increase of eight (8) slots machines and (10) slot stools.
The total number of slot machines is 2,667 and 2,615 slot stools.
2. A loss of three (3) table games for OP-85.
The new total is 141 table games.
 - a. When Alternate Plan #1 for Pit 10 is in use, total table games will be reduced by one (1) table.
 - b. When Alternate Plan #2 for Pit 10 is in use, total table games will be unchanged.
 - c. When Alternate Plan #3 for Pit 9 is in use, total table games will be increased by two (2) tables.
3. The gaming area will be decreased 320 sq. ft.
Total gaming area will be 136,660 sq. ft.
This total is determined by adding casino area of 136,128 sq. ft. plus 532 sq. ft. in Casino Smoking Lounge #4.
4. The allowable slot coverage (90% of 136,660 sq. ft.) is 122,994 sq. ft.
5. The actual slot coverage is 95,172 sq. ft. which is **69.64%** of the total gaming area and within the allowable 90% for slot density.

The licensee has submitted revised Surveillance and Security submissions as it relates to **Quarter Gaming**. These conditions were addressed in OP-84 and will follow in OP-85. Review and approvals will be provided in a separate letter by this office.

The licensee has represented that no alcohol will be served in the newly created gaming area in **The Quarter**.

Based on the Division's authority the requested amendments to the Tropicana's Certificate of Operation and CHAB License as set forth above, are hereby granted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-83 and 5:12-103. This approval authorizes a casino room containing and consisting of:

Tropicana Casino Room

- One hundred and thirty-six thousand six hundred and sixty (136,660) square feet;
- Two thousand six hundred sixty -seven (2,667) slot machines and two thousand six hundred and fifteen (2,615) slot stools; and
- One hundred forty one (141) table games as follows:
 - Fifty-seven (57) Blackjack tables;
 - Eight (8) Craps tables;
 - Fifteen (15) Roulette tables and wheels;

- Two (2) Pai Gow Poker tables;
- Two (2) Pai Gow Tiles tables;
- Nine (9) Mini Baccarat tables;
- One (1) Caribbean Stud Poker tables;
- One (1) Mini Big Six table;
- Two (2) Let It Ride Poker tables;
- Four (4) Spanish 21 tables;
- Eight (8) Three Card Poker tables;
- Two (2) Four Card Poker tables;
- Two (2) Texas Hold' em Bonus Poker tables;
- One (1) Double Action table; and
- Twenty-seven (27) Poker tables.

Please note that the designation of smoking areas in casinos is subject to the jurisdiction of the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services and the Atlantic City Department of Health and Human Services, not the Division. Accordingly, this letter should in no way be construed as approving areas of the gaming floor for smoking.

This approval becomes effective with the following conditions:

A. The revised operational blueprints, reflecting the changes approved herein, inclusive of any deficiencies noted, be submitted to the Division's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau, casino licensee's security podium and the casino licensee's CCTV monitoring room;

B. All gaming chips be transported to and from the gaming tables in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69D -1.22 and 1.23;

C. A revised Table Game, Roulette Wheel and Big Six Wheel inventory lists are submitted to the Division;

D. All steps necessary and appropriate to ensure maximum patron comfort and safety during the period of renovation be taken;

E. The procedures detailed in the Slot Procedures Manual be followed during the movement of slot machines;

F. A revised Slot Master List is submitted to the Division;

G. Tropicana notifies the Division immediately in the event of any modification to the approvals granted herein;

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H. Tropicana complies with all requirements and conditions appended to approvals received from all involved agencies of government whose approvals are required in order for a Certificate of Occupancy for the general public to be issued including, but not limited to, the Department of Community Affairs and the local construction official;

I. The Division of Gaming Enforcement reserves the right to reevaluate this plan of new gaming in The Quarter area. The Petitioner will be notified of any additional conditions that the Division feels is necessary in order for this area to be compliant. The Division will view this petition as a test operation for casino gaming within the Quarter.

Once modifications have been completed, a satisfactory inspection of the gaming areas and a review of CCTV coverage is to be completed by the Division's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau **prior to the proposed areas being used for gaming activity.** To schedule the inspection, please contact our office at 441-7529.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 441-7557.

Sincerely,



Don Errera, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Enforcement Bureau

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P-85 Statistical Slot analysis for Petition# 3191103

<i>Slot Zone</i>	<i>OP-84 Slots Approved</i>	<i>OP-84 Stools Approved</i>	<i>OP-85 Slots Proposed</i>	<i>OP-85 Stools Proposed</i>	<i>Net Change Slots/Stools</i>	
A	245	245	245	245	0	0
B	20	20	20	20	0	0
C	89	84	89	84	0	0
D	88	85	88	85	0	0
E	194	186	194	186	0	0
F	159	159	159	159	0	0
G	229	229	229	229	0	0
H	93	92	93	92	0	0
I	98	98	98	98	0	0
J	75	75	75	75	0	0
K (Quarter)	10	0	18	10	8	10
L	0	0	0	0	0	0
M	0	0	0	0	0	0
N	123	120	123	120	0	0
O	58	58	58	58	0	0
P	119	118	119	118	0	0
Q	113	113	113	113	0	0
R	97	97	97	97	0	0
S	82	82	52	52	0	0
T	32	32	32	32	0	0
U	148	130	148	130	0	0
V	138	138	138	138	0	0
W	97	92	97	92	0	0
X	201	201	201	201	0	0
Y	87	87	87	87	0	0
Z	94	94	94	94	0	0
TOTALS	2,659	2,605	2,667	2,615	+8	+10